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N. M. CENTRAL MORTGAGED FOR MILLIONS

To Secure Funds to Complete Hagan Branch

According to information received last night from Santa Fe, an instrument was filed in the courthouse in that city yesterday mortgaging the property of the New Mexico Central Railway company to a Cleveland trust company, the figure being \$2,500,000. This, it is believed, will mean the early resumption of active construction work on the partially completed line to the Hagan coal fields from Moriarty, work on which was suspended some two months ago, and the building through of the Tijera canyon branch to this city. It is understood that the Dominion Construction company is ready to resume operations and that all employees will be paid in full, a large force of men to be placed on the job.

The understanding is that the construction company is ready to meet all outstanding accounts and will have plenty of cash available to push the work.—Albuquerque Journal.

M. W. A. in The Lead

Three more members were initiated on Monday night by the local camp of the Modern Woodmen of America, bringing the total membership of the local camp up to 51. If reports are true this is now the strongest local lodge in Estancia. The Modern Woodmen of America is one of the younger fraternal orders and is growing rapidly; the total membership now being very near a million, and the local boys are hustling to make Estancia Camp the banner camp of the territory.

B. Y. P. U Program

Sunday May 9, 1909

Subject, The Heart of Man. Leader, Mattie Newton. Prayer. Scripture Reading Matt. 5:1-16. Duet, Fred and Jack Tuttle. Reading, Fred Tuttle. Scripture Quotations Bearing on Heart. Prayer. Paper on Repentance, Miss Norris. Questions in quarterly. Quartette, Give Me Thy Heart. Volunteer talks. Song. Dismissed.

Probate Court

Probate Court was in session on Monday of this week, Hon. Gabino Baca presiding. Routine business occupied the attention of the court principally. The will of Algernon H. Garnett was filed for probate. Mrs. Florence H. Garnett is named as executrix, the property to be divided equally between her and the son, Burt, at such a time as she sees fit to do so.

Miss Pearl Lambert of McIntosh was in the county seat yesterday.

Dr. Garvin Dead

Dr. Thomas Houston Garvin, aged sixty-seven years, the most prominent citizen of Horse Cave, died at his home in that place at 8:15 o'clock Tuesday night, after two weeks illness with heart trouble.

Dr. Garvin was one of the best-known men in this part of Kentucky, having been for more than thirty years a practicing physician and standing at the head of his profession. He was a Confederate soldier under Gen. John H. Morgan and was captured in southern Ohio in 1863. He was a prisoner at Camp Douglas in Chicago, for eighteen months, was exchanged and served until the final surrender in 1865. He was at the battle of Shiloh and delighted in re-counting his war experiences to his host of admiring friends.

Dr. Garvin's medical studies commenced under the direction of Dr. Thomas Webster, of Greensburg, and were continued at the medical department of the University of Louisville, from which he was graduated in 1874. He was graduated from Bellevue Medical College, of New York, in 1878, after which he practiced his profession successfully in this section. He was an active worker in the county and State medical societies and a well-known contributor to several medical journals.

Dr. Garvin had been for a number of years, a member of the Methodist Episcopal church of Horse Cave. He was also identified with the Masons and Knights of Honor. His charity, tenderness and keen sense of humor endeared him to all with whom he came in contact and made him a welcome visitor in every sick room. No physician in Kentucky enjoyed a larger practice, or was more beloved by his patrons.

Dr. Garvin is survived by his wife and three children, Mr. E. L. Garvin, of Estancia, N. M., Dr. M. I. Cavin, of Tulsa, Okla., and Mrs. Samuel Farris, of Marietta, Ga., all of whom were with him in his last illness. The funeral services were conducted by Revs. Chandler and Goodson, of the Methodist church in Horse Cave, at the church, at two o'clock Thursday afternoon, after which the remains were interred in the cemetery at Horse Cave.

As a splendid physician and christian gentleman of the highest type, a model citizen and a superb man, Dr. Garvin had no superior anywhere. He was, at one time offered the superintendency of the state insane asylum, but declined it, preferring to devote himself to the general practice of his profession. He was an honor to the medical fraternity, to the world and to himself, and his place in the community in which he lived and moved will long remain unfilled.—Glasgow Times.

Work was begun Wednesday on the excavation for the cellar of the Adams store building, just north of the post office. Mr. Kucken who is doing the work is using the dirt to fill in the low places in the streets.

A well was drilled on the lot this week, J. G. Paup doing the work. With brick and water ready on the ground, the real work of building will soon begin.

OLD TIMER PASSES INTO GREAT BEYOND

Elisha A. Dow, one of the first Americans to settle in what is now Torrance County, died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Roman Garcia at Punta de Mesa, southwest of Estancia on last Friday night. Something over thirty years ago Milton and Elisha Dow left their Iowa home to seek their fortunes in the west. They have been residents of this part of the territory the greater part of this time.

After suffering from a cold for several days, Mr. Dow was compelled to take to his bed on Tuesday the cold developing into pneumonia. In spite of medical aid and good nursing, he grew worse until about eleven o'clock on Friday night, when he was called into the great beyond. He was about sixty years of age, always robust and hearty.

Among the many relatives who mourn his departure are the wife, six daughters, five sons, a sister Mrs. Louise Richardson of Estancia and two brothers, Milton Dow of Estancia and John Dow of California.

Mr. Dow was engaged in the general merchandise business at Gran Quivira prior to his death. While not a rich man, his business had proved successful to a marked degree.

Mr. Dow has, since the organization of Torrance county, been an ardent worker for good government of the county and worked incessantly to secure the election of honest and competent officials. His integrity and honesty has won for him staunch friends and ardent admirers among his large number of acquaintances.

The funeral occurred on Sunday afternoon, interment being in the Tajique cemetery, a throng of friends following the remains to their last resting place.

Nelson Bill in the Senate

Senator Knute Nelson of Minnesota has introduced a bill in the senate prohibiting the further printing by the government of the return cards on stamped envelopes. It has been read twice and referred to the committee on post offices and post roads. This is the result of the appeal of the Minnesota Editorial association to which the senator responded promptly and heartily, and marks a big forward step in the fight against the unjust competition of the government with the publishers and printers of the country.

With this bill in the senate and a similar one in the house introduced by Hon. William E. Towner of the Fourth Ohio district, there is something definitely to work to, and the printers and publishers are not at all dilatory or half-hearted in their appeals to their congressmen to support and to push, by all possible means, the passage of one of these bills. The fight has only fairly begun. Third Assistant Postmaster General Lawshe is determined, if possible to maintain his position. He is going to fight and fight hard.—Western Publisher.

Real Estate Transfers.

Warranty deeds have been filed for record in the Probate Clerk's office during the past week, as follows:

C. L. Stallings to Gust Dollman, ne 1-4 sec 8, t6n, r2e, 160 acres. Consideration \$1300.

Arthur Milby to Hiram M. West, Sr., Altadena Addition to Moriarty, consideration \$3800.

Trinidad Romero, Sr., to D. L. Robbins, el-2 sec 1-4, sel-4 nel-4 sec 12, t6n, r8e, 120 acres. Consideration \$1500.

Frank Dibert to Chas. V. McPharlin, lot 8 block 37, Moriarty, consideration \$1.

Samuel N. Neville to Annie M. Ayers, sw 1-4 sec 27, t5n, r9e, 160 acres, \$800.

Bonifacio Salaz to J. W. Tipton lot 12 blk 8, east addition to Encino, \$150.

Methodist Church Notes.

Rev. A. M. Steele will preach on next Sunday night.

The Sunday School is growing in attendance and increasing in interest.

Junior League will meet on Sunday afternoon. Miss Mona Bush is the superintendent. All Juniors are urged to be present at 2:30 o'clock.

A half hour song service will precede the Sunday evening preaching service. All are invited to come out and join in the old Gospel Songs.

The Ladies Aid Society held an interesting meeting at the home of Mrs. John Preston on last Wednesday. The next meeting will be with Mrs. Johnson Pence, south of town.

Death at Lucia

Miss Eva Robertson died April 29th at her home near Lucia. Her remains were laid to rest in the Estancia Cemetery. Miss Robertson was born at Galetin, Tenn., December 1874. She came to New Mexico last February and took a claim near Lucia, but has made her home part of the time with the Kirk Sisters of Estancia. She leaves her mother, three sisters and six brothers. She was a member of the Christian Church, and had a large circle of friends in the Estancia Valley.

Could Protect His Rights

A country bridegroom, when the bride hesitated to pronounce the word "obey," remarked to the officiating clergyman, "Go on, mister—it don't matter; I can make her."—Kistler's Comments.

L.H. Darby of the Lindquist Cracker & Candy Company of Denver was in Estancia yesterday.

La Sra. Rebecca S. Garcia de Pinos Wells acabo de recibir su nombramiento otra vez como Notaria Pública del Gobernador Curry. La Señora ha tenido este honor por muchos años en el condado de Torrance y tambien en el condado de Valencia, y ha dado satisfaccion siempre en este destino. Extendemos nuestras congratulaciones sobre su nombramiento.

WHAT IS DRY FARMING

BY JOHN T. BURNS, Sec. and Treas. Dry Farming Congress.

A question frequently asked: "What is Dry Farming?" and which may be most easily, yet enigmatically answered with:

"It is not dry farming at all."

Dry Farming—so-called—is farm operation under limited rainfall in districts where irrigation water cannot be obtained, or where the supply of irrigation water is inadequate to meet the requirements of the acreage.

Dry Farming is not yet an "exact science," as one experimentalist states it. There are yet many things to learn and the "wise farmer" has turned student and scientist in order that he may assist in mastering the problems confronting the agriculturist in the semi-arid regions.

A study of Dry Farming includes—or should—a study of soils, seeds, adaptability of crops to locality, adaptability of methods to climatic conditions, causes of success or failure in like districts, farm machinery, crop rotation, and many phases of farm operation by which the so-called arid lands can be made to yield profit.

Dry Farming demands the establishment of a natural reservoir in the soil by the conservation of the limited rainfall or other form of moisture through methods by which waste and evaporation are prevented. In some localities enough water can be conserved to crop annually—in others two years rainfall should be reserved for the crop.

Enemies of western progress openly claim that dry farming is—and always must be—a failure. Many who have given the matter no serious thought believe—from hearsay—that the dry farmers must fail. Many dry farmers have failed—but farming never.

There are soils and climatic conditions in many sections of the west where dry farming or in fact any kind of farming cannot be successfully carried on.

PERSONAL INVESTIGATION

The prospective investor and the homesteader should take nothing for granted. He should investigate every local condition. Opinions as to what constitutes desirable dry land differs, but under varying conditions of soil and altitude thousands of dry farm land operators are "making good" on eight to twenty-four inches precipitation.

In eastern Oregon and Washington eight inches (government record) has produced profitable crops for many years.

In California where ten inches has been the average, crops are being produced every year.

In high altitudes, with twelve to fourteen inches precipitation utilized under alternate or biennial systems, every crop possible of production under irrigation is profitably grown without irrigation.

With precipitation of fifteen to twenty-four inches, many farmers in high altitudes are cropping annually.

Then again, many farmers under all of the above named conditions are failing continually.

Bankers fail when they refuse to bank along legitimate lines.

Merchants fail when they attempt to conduct their business without due regard for the requirements of their trade.

Farmers fail in every part of the world and under the most favorable conditions unless they endeavor to educate themselves into the methods necessary for their particular soil, climate and markets.

Dry farming demands unceasing in-

ber. There is no mystic spell to produce plant life in a semi-arid district. The price of success is work—work—work—and the expenditure of energy enough to meet the immediate requirements of each section of land and each crop.

An "easy going" farmer should not attempt dry farming, neither should a man who is financially unable to purchase the necessary machinery and to support himself while transforming his farm from the time hardened prairie to a productive field.

IMPORTANT ECONOMIC MOVEMENT

The development of the semi-arid districts of the west where so-called dry farming must be depended upon will bring millions of acres of new almost worthless land under early cultivation, will furnish homes for many times the present agricultural population, will increase the commerce of the United States and will in time insure America against possible crop failures.

Land once sold for taxes is even now producing every variety of cereal, vegetable and fruit. From a drug on the market at fifty cents an acre to active market value at \$25 an acre is by no means an unusual advance in dry farm land prices in successful dry farm districts during the past five years.

Every person interested in farming or in the commercial advancement of the country should take up a careful study of this important subject and should seek after the easily obtainable proof of the already marvelous accomplishments under dry farming.

What dry farming means to the United States it means to every country in the world where there is semi-arid land possible of agricultural development. It means ultimate reclamation of hundreds of millions of valuable acres, billions added to the wealth of nations and possible solution of many of the perplexing sociological questions.

Does it mean anything to you? If so, study.—El Paso Herald.

Presbyterian Church Notes.

Rev. Carver will preach Sunday evening at McIntosh.

The Presbyterians will hold services at the M. E. Church next Sunday morning, Rev. J.R. Carver will preach. There will be special music. All are invited.

The Westminster Circle will give an Ice Cream Social at the home of Miss Norris next Tuesday evening May 11th. There will be a charge of 15 cents for ice cream and cake.

The Westminster Circle had a well attended, and interesting meeting Wednesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. I. M. Bennett. Mrs. Ford and Miss Eula Atkinson were received into the membership. The next meeting will be at Mrs. Jackson's.

The official Board of the Presbyterian Church composed of the elders, deacons and trustees held a meeting at the office of Scott and Jensen Wednesday forenoon. There was a full attendance, and they were joined by several other members and friends of the church. The offer of the townsie company to donate three lots for church and parsonage was accepted and these present having carefully viewed the vacant lots, after a long consideration of the merits of the several places unanimously decided upon three lots two blocks north west of the Post Office. The congregation with the help of \$3000 from the Board and friends in the east hope to build a large fine edifice in the near future.